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Lord Baden-Powell receiving his degree

Honorary degree granted to Lord Baden-Powell – 1931

SCOUTERS and rovers mingled with grave dons in academic dress at the Senate House when a degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa was conferred upon Lord Baden-Powell.

The chief scout wore his accustomed uniform with his scarlet doctor's robe above it.

The public orator said his soldiership in Mafeking made him so famous and popular that the boys of Britain chose him as their exemplar in many virtues and patriotism.

Armistice celebrations on Cambridge Market Hill

Armistice ceremony 'a screamingly funny affair' – 1922

IF the Cambridge undergraduate can find any excuse for a 'rag,' he invariably organises a more or less elaborate affair.

Yesterday's 'circus' was a rag that everybody could enjoy; it did no harm to anybody and, above all, as a result of its labours, aided Lord Haig's fund - 'Poppy Day' - to the extent of £115 or thereabouts.

The circus was a screamingly funny affair and brought everyone to doorways, windows and, in some cases, roof tops.

The signal for the two minutes Armistice silence was heard in Downing Street and immediately the procession pulled up. The two minutes over, pandemonium started as suddenly as it had ceased.

'War will end soon due to the terrible slaughter' – 1914

Troops say goodbye to loved ones before leaving from Cambridge Station in August 1914
CAMBRIDGE NEWS

CYRIL Wright of Chesterton Road, a motor cyclist attached to the First Cavalry Division writes to his mother:

"Christmas is getting nearer and the war has not ended yet. I don't think it will last very much longer because of the terrible slaughter going on.

"I was in a village when the Germans opened a heavy artillery barrage, blowing the houses up as if they were made of putty. I was completely cut off so ran into a trench and had to stop there ten hours.

"After dark, I crawled out under heavy rifle fire to my motorcycle only to find it smothered with broken glass and bricks. I was glad to get out of it."

There is a terrible wastage of horse life in war – 1914

IT is the duty of vets to go around and examine wounded horses after a battle and those they find capable of bandaging or plugging up are taken to the rear and have their wounds attended to, while those too badly injured are put out of their pain – the officers carrying pistols for the purpose.

There is a terrible wastage of horse life as there is of human life in a war and this is the most frightful campaign that has ever been waged.

But the veterinary officers have saved an immense number of animals which were fit again after a short rest.

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